(Figures in million tonnes)

Sector	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Demand	Offtake	Demand	Offtake	Demand	Offtake
Power	205.90	212.92	220.70	204.68	214.00	219.16
	(4.10)	(3.62)	(3.70)	(3.02)	(3.00)	(2.13)
Cement	18.20	10.13	15.00	8.61	10.00	8.88
Steel	41.40	23.61	36.83	24.98	36.83	26.00

*Provisional
Offtake: excludes imported coal.

Figures in brackets indicate middling.

Government monopoly in coal mining

†3452. DR.D.MASTHAN:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work related with mining of coal is still running under Government monopoly;

(b) if so, the total number of mines where mining work has since been going on during 1999-2000 under Government monopoly;

(c) the number of such mines and their location State-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that these States have a large number of such mines also where mining work has become difficult; and

(e) if so, the names of States where they are located and their number in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS [DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA]: (a) It is a fact that most of the coal mining in the country is with the Public Sector. In fact 97.59% of the total coal production of the country is produced by the coal companies in the Public Sector.

(b) and (c) Out of 561 coal mines of the country, 552 coal mines are being operated by the Public Sector coal companies. The State-wise distribution of the 552 coal mines is given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Distribution of coal mines—State-wise (1998-99)

State	No. of coal mines with Public Sector
Andhra Pradesh	69
Assam	6
Bihar	162
Jammu & Kashmir	3
Madhya Pradesh	126
Maharashtra	53
Orissa	22
Uttar Pradesh	4
West Bengal	107
Total Coal Mines	552

(d) and (e) The underground coal mines in the country are largely affected by difficult mining conditions. The State-wise distribution of underground coal mines in the country is given below:—

State	Number of underground coal mines
Andhra Pradesh	59
Assam	4
Bihar	79
Jammu & Kashmir	3
Madhya Pradesh	95
, Maharashtra	26
Orissa	9
West Bengal	91
Total number of underground coal Mines	366